

(b) if so, the details regarding the estimated cost, the names of the States involved as well as the names of rivers identified in the country which have been classified as highly polluted ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) A National River Action Plan for abatement of pollution in the identified grossly polluted stretches of major rivers of the country is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.

Himalayan action Plan

686. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether experts on the energy and environment issues have recommended to the Government to formulate the 'Himalayan action plan' which will prove fruitful in saving the Himalayas from destruction and devastation, recently in a two-day national workshop on energy and environment issues in mountain development;

(b) if so, the details of the other recommendations and suggestions made to the Government in this regard:

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) and (b). Attention has been drawn to workshop entitled "Energy and Environment issues in mountain development" organised recently by the Tata Energy Research Institute and HP Energy Development Agency (Himurja) at Shimla. The recommendations of this workshop inter-alia included a 'Na-

tional Action plan'; on the Himalayan rehabilitation. The other recommendations included development of a data-base of natural resources, promotion of renewable energy technologies, regional environment facility for hill areas, model bio-villages as demonstration centres, annual environment audit of industrial units, strengthening/creation of environment cells in all Hill states, environment management plans, nodal agency and budget-head for environment and energy systems, integrated land and water management policy, conservation of mountain ecosystems, strengthening legal and administrative machinery, environment friendly urbanization and networking of energy and environment experts and institutions.

(c) In regard to the recommendations of the workshop, the government had already initiated a number of programmes for environmental conservation and sustainable development in the Himalayan region. These include the following:

- Govind Ballabh Pant Himalaya Paryavaran Evam Vikas Sansthan (Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development) has been established as an autonomous organisations of the Ministry of environment & Forests, Government of India to enhance the knowledge for evolving effective strategies for management of natural resources and sustainable development in the Indian Himalaya.
- An Integrated action-Oriented Research Development and Extension Programme in the Himalayan Region has been launched. This programme is for socio-economic development of hill people in harmony with eco-

logical balance.

- Two Biosphere Reserves, one in 'Nanda Devi' and the other in 'Nokrek' have been established.
- Two Eco-Task forces, one each in Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh, have been raised to undertake eco restoration work.

Polluted Rivers in Tamil Nadu

687.SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the polluted rivers in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the level of pollution each river; and

(c) the steps taken to remove pollution from these rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Based upon the results of the river water quality monitoring programme, the Central Pollution Control Board has identified 13 grossly polluted river stretches in the country. None of these grossly polluted stretches in the country. None of these grossly polluted stretches of the rivers is in Tamil Nadu.

(c) The Government has taken the following steps for the prevention, abatement and control of water pollution:

- i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;
- ii) Networks of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries;

iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

v) a time bound action plan for control of highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with the state Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991;

vi) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment;

vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to cluster of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

Social Forestry scheme in Orissa

688.SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the targets set under the social Forestry Scheme in Orissa during the Seventh Five Year Plan period had been achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of the district covered under the scheme during the Seventh Plan period;